

OBREGON LAUGHS AT REPORTS OF NEW UPRISINGS

Revolt in Lower California Is Considered of Small Importance; "There Is No Need for Alarm," Says.

(By The Associated Press.)

Mexico City, Nov. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Revolutionary conditions reported recently in Lower California are considered of small importance by President Obregon, who received newspaper correspondents today and dismissed questions relative to these reported disturbances with a laugh.

"There is no need for alarm," he said, "as the uprisings are minor." President Obregon asserted a change of personnel in the national agrarian commission would be made soon. "The government agrarian law," he added, "is sound, logical and workable."

Some local newspaper men asked if it would mean the resignation of the minister of agriculture, Fomento Villareal, but the president answered in the negative.

He dealt warily with the Washington conference and when questioned whether Mexico would accept an invitation, if extended, to participate in later sessions, he answered that the "form of such invitation would determine Mexico's acceptance."

Fletcher's Retirement.

Under Secretary of State Fletcher's possible retirement was described by the president as "the loss of a personal friend in the American state department." He added, however, that Mr. Fletcher "quite naturally has always viewed Mexico through North American eyes."

He intimated that extensive railroad improvements will be made by the republic, particularly on the west coast. Among other points brought out in his conversation were that article 27 is still in "the process of amendment" by the chamber of deputies, that the railroad problems are on their way to solution and that the report of loans to Mexico by American and British bankers have not yet been extended.

WILLARD SCHOOL HAS AN OFFER OF \$1,500 FROM A LOCAL WOMAN

One of the several offers from local citizens to induce the members of the Frances E. Willard school to select Albuquerque for the permanent location is the offer of fifteen hundred dollars dependent upon certain specified conditions. This is from an Albuquerque lady.

At the state convention of the Georgia W. C. T. U. there is to be an appeal for this school made by Mrs. Florence Atkins, national lecturer and organizer, who came to New Mexico in April, 1920, to secure funds for this school and succeeded in enriching the treasury of the school about fifteen hundred dollars at that time. Last fall the Savannah, Georgia, W. C. T. U., of which Mrs. Atkins is a member, sent a check for a scholarship to the Frances E. Willard school of \$150. This and other scholarships contributed, are to be applied as the special fund for girls without means to get an education. Last year the Clovis W. C. T. U. adopted an orphan girl and sent her to the Frances E. Willard school, providing clothing and all necessary expense money. Clovis contributed more than one scholarship as the amount credited to Clovis is more than five hundred dollars. This young lady is now in the normal college at Silver City and gives promise of becoming a teacher of superior ability and character.

W. & J. COLLEGE WILL PLAY TEXAS AGGIES

(By The Associated Press.) Dallas, Tex., Nov. 26.—Washington and Jefferson college of Washington, Pa., one of the four undefeated eleven of the east this year, will play the Texas Aggies, champions of the Southwestern conference championship in a post-season game here on New Year's according to an announcement today.

The carrying is not a modern invention, for more than 20 centuries ago the daughter of Aristotle wore golden hoops in her ears. The philosopher's daughter's earrings were found in her tomb near Chalcis by exploring archaeologists and certainly modern workmanship can not produce their equal.



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ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE IS POSTED AS BIRD REFUGE

More Than 70 Different Kinds Are Afforded Protection; Place Is an Ideal Pleasure Resort.

(Special Correspondence to The Journal.)

Las Cruces, N. M., Nov. 26.—Elephant Butte lake, one of the attractive links of the national all-year park to be created in southern New Mexico, is generally conceded to be the largest artificial reservoir in the world. The lake is forty-five miles in length and has a shore line of 200 miles. The big basin is included in one of America's largest reservations for the protection of native birds.

The storage works, which are located seventy-four miles north of Las Cruces, form the fountain from which water is drawn, as required, to irrigate 180,000 acres of land in southern New Mexico, northern Texas and old Mexico. The dam, erected by the United States reclamation service at a cost of \$5,000,000, is 306 feet in height, 1,585 feet in length and contains more than 600,000 cubic yards of concrete. The lake is situated in a desert district 4,400 feet above sea level and is surrounded by mountains. It is ideally located as a pleasure resort. Several thousand persons, including tourists from various parts of America, visit the lake annually.

Caballo Mountains. The Caballo mountains to the south are within hiding distance of the dam. Geronimo's pass, named for the Indian chief, through these mountains, is ever a reminder to "the old times" of the terror carried by the mention of his name. The black range, a spur of the Rockies, is plainly visible from the butte near the dam. The picturesque San Mateo, rising abruptly from the plains to the northwest, is the habitat of deer, bear, wild turkey and other game. Thirty miles to the north is the Fort Cristobal range, the outline of which represents an Egyptian mummy.

The ruins of old Fort Mollate, one of the chain of strongholds on the Rio Grande occupied by federal troops during the troublesome frontier days, are within the reservoir, about an hour's ride north of the dam. In its time the fort was the gold mine of protection to settlers in that district from the ravages of the hostile reds. Evidence of the many encounters is given by shells and arrowheads found occasionally in the hills near the site of the fortified fort.

Extinct Volcano. The outstanding and perhaps the most ancient landmark on the Rio Grande is the extinct volcano which, on account of its peculiar resemblance of shape to that of an elephant's head, is called Elephant Butte. This mass of volcanic rock, rising 400 feet above the old river channel, has been a guide to travelers for centuries. Today it is one of the many islands formed by the lake. The view at sunset is well worth the climb over the rough trail which winds from the bottom to the top. The flat top also affords an ideal spot for picnic parties.

The climate is mild and dry. In the spring months there is sufficient precipitation to bring forth the blooms of many varieties of wild flowers and to cause an awakening of all nature on the hills and in the valleys, the result of which is a gradual change from the desert gray to a decided touch of green, while along the banks of the river the tamarillo, mesquite and alamo clothe themselves in leaves to remain green until late in the fall. The annual mean temperature is about 60 degrees. The yearly rainfall is from eight to twelve inches. In 1920 there were 243 clear days, sixty-seven partly cloudy days and only fifty-six cloudy days.

Earth Cools Rapidly. Owing to the high altitude and the cloudless night sky the earth cools rapidly after the sun sinks behind the hills. For this reason the hot, sultry nights so characteristic of the crowded cities, are unknown at Elephant Butte. A high temperature during the day is usually followed by cool nights and mornings.

Probably in no other part of America is there a more interesting virgin field for the study of bird life than exists in the lake district. The reservation, created by executive order February 25, 1909, comprises Elephant Butte lake and a narrow strip of land which forms its 200-mile shore line. Since 1912 the reservation has been posted and regularly inspected by officers of the United States biological survey.

The most important of the seventy different kinds of birds on the reserve are twenty-one species of waterfowl and two of wading birds. Fifteen species of ducks and geese were observed during a recent visit to the lake. There are three species of grebes, representing more than 1,000 individuals. Also the pelican, cormorants, blue heron, killdeer plover, belted kingfisher, sparrows, canon towhees, Arizona cardinals, white-throated shrikes, pipits, wrens, solitaires, quail, ruby-crowned kinglets and mountain bluebirds, western robins and thrushes.

"Lovers of song and game birds," says one interested in the district, "will not overlook the Rio Grande reservation. There every point of vision is within eye-range of mountains, rugged canyons, or parklike forests. The climate contains all the elements that benefit a physical condition that needs rest, renewed energy, or a brace without a reaction."

Substantial Buildings. With the idea of making Elephant Butte a permanent resort, the United States reclamation service erected substantial buildings at the upper camp to house the officials during the construction of the dam and other storage works. These include fourteen three, four and five-roomed cottages, a hotel of twenty-two rooms with lobby, reading, billiard and recreation rooms and other modern facilities. There is also a mess hall with seating capacity for 100, a large office building, store, hospital and laboratory.

The buildings are of adobe brick plastered inside and pebble-dashed outside and are attractive and especially cool during the summer. They are lighted by electricity, have hot and cold water, sanitary sewer connections, fireplaces and sleeping porches. The cottages are located on a hill overlooking the reservoir, a half mile from the dam and a short distance from the swimming beach and boat landing. Nearby is a double tennis court. All parts of the resort are connected to the through highways by good

NEW ZEALANDER AT ARMS PARLEY



Sir John Salmond.

Sir John Salmond is New Zealand's representative at the arms conference. He was formerly secretary general of New Zealand and now is a judge of the supreme court of that dominion. He is fifty-nine years old and is reputed to have one of the most astute legal minds in the antipodes.

roads, thus affording easy access for automobilists.

The principal attractions which Elephant Butte offers to those seeking recreation and rest are hunting with cameras, swimming and bathing, motor boating, sailing and fishing. There is always an abundance of large and small game. The swimming beach is only a short distance from the entrance. The lake is navigable for miles. The season is long and the water clear and warm.

Swimming and Boating. The beach slopes gradually away from the shore, making it possible for children to bathe in safety. For expert swimmers there is no limit to the possibilities which the lake affords. Next in popularity are canoeing, motor boating and sailing. The lake is navigable for miles depending on the elevation of the water, and is from a quarter to three miles in width. There are several types of boats on the lake, from the row boat to high-powered motor boats, capable of making twenty-five miles an hour. Sailing, the most enjoyable of all sports, requiring skill and nerve to anticipate the force and direction of the wind, is not generally popular unless the navigator is a skilled sailor and an expert swimmer.

The lake is stocked with carp, cat and sun fish, or perch, and has recently been stocked with bass. Fishing is popular during the early morning and evening. It is no exaggeration to say that the surface of the lake on a summer's evening is literally alive with schools of both large and small carp swimming along with their fins and backs out of water.

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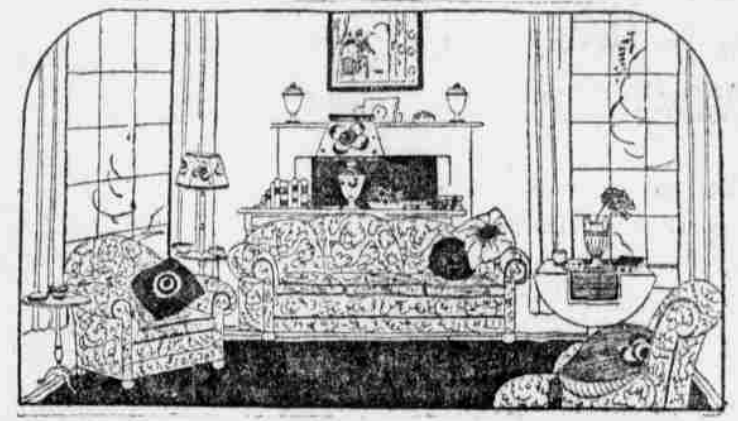
(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO MORNING JOURNAL.) Santa Fe, Nov. 26.—The Roy board of education today filed suit in the district court here to compel the tax commission to approve the county high school levy authorized by the bonding county act which makes Roy the location of the county high school. Attorney General Bowman, who filed his answer at the same time, alleged the section of the youthful gridiron star county high school unconstitutional.

DALLAS UNIVERSITY IS AFTER McMILLIN TO COACH GRID TEAM

(By The Associated Press.) Dallas, Tex., Nov. 26.—"Bo" McMillin, quarterback and captain of the Centre college eleven, will coach the Dallas university football team next year, if what is said to be the most attractive offer ever made to a youthful gridiron star is accepted. McMillin has been offered \$7,000, according to officials of the university. University authorities are expecting a favorable reply.

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